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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PRESS COMMENT ON US- MEXICO BILATERAL
AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS

1. TODAY' S EDITION MEXICO CITY DAILY LA PRENSA REPORTED THAT SECRETARY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT MENDEZ DOCURRO TOLD ITS REPORTER ON MARCH 27 THAT MEXICO IS SEEKING A NEW ROUTE TO THE US IN COMPENSATION FOR INABILITY TO OPERATE ENSENADA- TIJUANA- SANTA ANA ROUTE GRANTED MEXICO UNDER CURRENT BILATERAL. MENDEZ QUOTED AS EXPLAINING INABILITY MEXICO OPERATE THIS ROUTE NOT IN FACT A VIOLATION OF US- MEXICO BILATERAL BUT RATHER THE RESULT OF OBJECTIONS TO ADDITIONAL AIR SERVICE RAISED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REASONS BY THE INHABITANTS OF THE SANTA ANA AREA. THE ARTICLE FURTHER QUOTES MENDEZ AS ANNOUNCING THAT INITIAL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING EXTENSION OF BILATERAL HAVE BEEN ADJOURNED AND WILL BE RESUMED AT WASHINGTON ON MAY 7.

2. COMMENT: SANTA ANA QUESTION WAS NOT RAISED BY EITHER DELEGATION DURING MARCH 19-26 DISCUSSIONS. LA PRENSA, HOWEVER, AT APPARENT INSTIGATION OF CAPTAIN MAURO GOMEZ PERALTA, SECRETARY GNERAL OF MEXICAN PILOT' S ASSOCIATION, HAD PREVIOUSLY DRAWN ATTENTION TO ISSUE IN ITS EDITION OF MARCH 24. MOST RECENT ARTICLE
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QUOTING MENDEZ DOCURRO IS USEFUL IN REMOVING SUGGESTION
OF AGREEMENT VIOLATION ON PART US AND AT SAME TIME
LEAVES MENDEZ FREE TO ATTRIBUTE AS TRADE- OFF FOR SANTA
ANA ANY NEW MEXICAN BENEFITS THAT MAY RESULT FROM
NEGOTIATIONS.
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